(b) how long it will take to produce a Maruti car indigenously; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay to complete indigenisation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) As on 31.7. 1990 the level of Cumulative indigenisation achieved for the Maruti Car is 92.07 per cent.

(b) and (c) Maruti Udyog Ltd. plans to achieve about 95 per cent indigenisation for Maruti 800 cc car. The Company is not envisaging 100 per cent indigenisation because due to the high cost of indigenisation of some items like roof moulding, ring piston, timing belt, sleeves and forks etc., it is not cost effective or beneficial to localise them.

Self sufficiency in the production of family planning devices

707. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is self-sufficient in the production of family planning devices such as oral contraceptives, IUDs, condoms, etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase their production to take advantage of increasing demand in the international market; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) In regard to Condoms and Oral Contraceptives Pill, the present production capacity available in the country is sufficient to meet the requirements of the programme. However, in regard to IUD all the requirements of the programme are being met from sources out-side the country as these are not being manufactured in the country.

(b) New capacities are being created to manufacture condom and Manufacturing facilities for IUD are coming up in the country.

(c) Does not arise.

Production of diesel engine cars

708. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that diesel car engines are more fuel efficient than petrol engines of comparable sizes; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which production of diesel engine cars is not being encouraged?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Diesel car engines are more fuel efficient in terms of mileage per litre than a petrol car of the same engine capacity.

Licensing policy for four-wheelers does not make any distinction between petrol and diesel operated vehicles. However, use of diesel for personalised vehicles is not being encouraged due to short availability and supply of diesel as well as price differential between diesel and petrol. Technically also, diesel engine has problems of high vibration, noise and maintenance. The initial cost of diesel engine car is also more compared to petrol engine car.

आयुर्वेदिक दवाओं का उत्पादन

709. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पटना, झांसी और कानपुर स्थित वैद्यनाथ आयुर्वेद भवनों में दवायें बनाने में नकली सामग्री और जड़ी-बूटियों का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ऐसी दवायें तैयार करने में, जिनमें गाय का घी, आंवला और शहद की आवश्यकता होती है, डालडा, गाजरा और गुड़ का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि वैद्यनाथ आयुर्वेद भवनों में निर्मित दवाओं में मिलावट के संबंध में 1989 में केन्द्रीय अन्वेषण ब्यूरो को एक पत्र लिखा गया था; और

(घ) क्या सरकार आयुर्वेदिक दवाओं के निर्माण के मामले में विभिन्न दवाओं पर उनके निर्माण का फार्मुला दिया जना अनिवार्य बनाने के लिये कदम उठाएगी' जैसा कि अंग्रेजी दवाओं के निर्माण के मामले में किया जा रहा है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रशीद मैसून) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Ban on the sale of some brands of tooth-pastes

710. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed ban on the sale and use of some brands of tooth pastes; and

(b) if so, what are their names and also the reasons for imposing such a ban?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) At present, there is, no ban on the sale and use of some brands of tooth pastes.

(b) Does not arise.

Board of Directors of Air India and Indian Airlines

711. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) when the Boards of Indian Airlines and Air India were last constituted;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reconstitute the existing Boards of Indian Airlines and Air India; and

(c) what is the criteria for appointment of Directors on these Boards?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGES OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The Boards of Indian Airlines and Air India have been reconstituted with effect from 30th July, 1990 for a period of three years.

(c) The guidelines emphasis the need to broadbase the Board of Directors by induction of persons from the areas related to the activities of Public Sector Undertakings or by induction of Directors and other senior officials from other Public Sector Undertakings. The guidelines also provides for nominee Directors from the Government on the Boards.

Air Hostesses on flying dutnes after the age of 45 years

712. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines allows its air hostesses to perform flying duties after the age of 45 years;

(b) whether Air India follows the same practice; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. In Indian Airlines airhostesses are allowed to perform flying duties till the age of 58 years subject to their being medically fit.

(b) and (c) In Air India, the airhostesses perform flying duties upto 35 years of age which is extendable upto 45 year subject to their medical fitness for flying duties. Beyond this age the airhostesses are provided alternate ground duties till the age of 58 years.

Expenditure incurred by Air India in Foreign Exchange

713. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is expenditure incurred by Air India in foreign exchange during the last three years as Special Promotional Expenses;

(b) what are the names of places where the accounts for Special Promotional Expenses are operated;